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NOTES FROM LOCAL BRANCHES

BRYN MAWR.—The Local Branch makes the following interesting proposition in regard to publication. The financial difficulty of the plan is obviously formidable, but it seems worthy of further discussion.

"The Bryn Mawr Branch has voted to suggest that it would be advisable for the Association to establish a journal in which questions of interest and importance to our profession could be freely discussed.

"In support of this suggestion it is urged that there is at present no medium in which full and free discussion of such topics can be carried on. Occasional articles in popular or semipopular magazines, on the one hand, and the very valuable reports of the various committees of the Association, on the other, are by no means sufficient for this purpose. A journal of the Association would bring together in a continuous nation-wide discussion all who had any significant contribution to make toward the solution of our problems. The committee system of the Association would thus be supplemented without in any way weakening it or depriving it of its independent efficacy.

"Among the questions suggested as falling within the domain of the journal are, first, questions bearing upon the larger policies of the Association itself and its local branches, such as academic freedom, tenure of office, insurance and annuity, etc.; and, secondly, questions relating to the organization of undergraduate and graduate instruction in which university teachers of every department are directly or indirectly concerned.

"It was the general feeling of our meeting that the matter published in the present BULLETIN could be included in such a journal which might at first be a quarterly.

"We are aware that our suggestion may be impracticable at the present time, but we believe that the plan has so many advantages that the suggestion is worth making now."

The Local Branch reports the adoption of the following resolution on the matter of a League of Nations:

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Faculty that the great purposes for which the United States entered the War demand that the general principle of a League of Nations be made effective."

COLORADO.—The following resolution in regard to the League of Nations has been signed by members in the University of Colorado.

"In a democracy, law is the mother of freedom. The hard-won gains of the recent struggle can only be held and made fruitful under the protection of law, embodying the ideals and purposes of the most progressive and intelligent portion of mankind. Such law, in its larger features, must necessarily be international, and for this reason we unreservedly support and commend the plan of a League of Nations, and call upon all who desire the well-being of mankind to unite in making it effective."

NEBRASKA.—The Local Branch reports the election of L. E. Aylsworth as chairman.

NORTHWESTERN.—The Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts has passed the following resolution, which has been transmitted to members of Congress:

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Faculty that the great purpose for which the United States entered the War demands that the general principle of a League of Nations be made effective."

UNION.—The following resolutions are transmitted from the Local Branch:

"The Union College Branch of the American Association of University Professors by unanimous vote has expressed its conviction that a new international organization of the world is an imperative necessity. The attempt to organize the world by giving it a common master has fortunately failed, but it has brought the world into immeasurable calamity. We are heartily in favor of any sincere attempt to create an agency of international co-operation which will bring into action the forces of good will and mutual helpfulness in place of the conflict of selfish interests and national ambitions."

"The Union College Branch of the American Association of University Professors approves the suggestions that the Association should make an organized effort to obtain a stricter observance of the existing entrance requirements in American colleges, and, when necessary, to secure the adoption of adequate requirements in essential subjects. This Branch will support the Association in such a movement."

"With a view to removing the handicap under which many of the preparatory schools now work and bringing pressure to bear on communities which make inadequate provision for the teaching force of their high schools, the Union Branch suggests that the Association should use its influence to secure in the different states the adoption of the following regulation:

"That, in the case of the essential subjects such as English, the languages, the sciences and mathematics, the licenses issued to teachers should specify the particular subjects or departments of knowledge which they are fitted to teach."

"That it is the sense of the Union College Branch that greater opportunity be provided for discussion at the annual meetings of the Association."

VASSAR.—The officers for 1919 are Professor Lucy M. Salmon, Chairman, and Professor Ida C. Thallon, Secretary.

The Branch reports hearty approval of the plan for representation of local chapters by delegates, with the expectation that in this way the Association will have "a very much more live and interesting body for its meetings, and if people feel that they represent their own chapter and will not be swamped in the vote by a large number coming from nearer colleges and universities, they will be much more likely to make the effort to attend the meetings and will carry back from them to their own bodies a stronger impression of belonging to and being a part of the Association."